

Needs Assessment: August 2015

Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! YOUR INPUT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities (the Council) believes that all people with disabilities should be supported to live in their communities. To stay focused on our mission, every five years the Council identifies ways to make a positive difference in the lives of those with developmental disabilities and their families. Please help us plan our work supporting people with developmental disabilities to be included and to meaningfully participate in all aspects of life.

Based on previous survey feedback, the Council has funded projects which:

- Implemented recreation opportunities in three Nebraska communities to increase inclusive recreational opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities.
- Increased the employment of individuals with developmental disabilities working in integrated settings while earning a competitive wage.
- Improved the health of individuals with developmental disabilities by expanding access to healthcare and insuring inclusive public health services through the development of statewide models and training for healthcare practitioners to increase their comfort level and awareness of serving individuals with developmental disabilities in medical situations.
- Developed a series of e-learning modules for self-advocates, both children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families to increase meaningful participation in the Individual Education Planning (IEP) or Individual Supports Planning (ISP).
- Taught 71 teachers, direct support staff, and family members how to use tablet devices to develop videos that could be used as teaching tools with children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The Council has partnered with a third-party evaluator, the Interdisciplinary Center for Program Evaluation at UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute, to conduct this survey. It should take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. Your responses are confidential and will only be used to help the Council in developing its priorities for improving services in Nebraska over the next five years. If you need assistance in completing this survey or have questions, please contact Kristen Larsen at (402)471-2330 or email kristen.larsen@nebraska.gov.

For more information on the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, visit their website: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/ddplanning>

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1. The following table asks you to rate how well Nebraska is doing in providing services to children, youth, and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. *Please circle the box that best fits your opinion of how well services and supports are CURRENTLY WORKING.* Circle *Not applicable* for any sections or questions that do not apply to you or your family member. If you have any comments, please include them in the comment box at the end of each section.

How do you rate the following services in Nebraska?						
Example Category						
Example service #1	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Example service #2	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know

How do you rate the following services in Nebraska?						
Child Care						
Inclusive (with non-disabled peers) child care	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Inclusive (with non-disabled peers) before/after school care	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Family supports such as respite care	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						
Community Services and Support						
Meaningful integration and participation in community activities	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Access to friends who are not paid support professionals	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						

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How do you rate the following services in Nebraska?						
Education: Special Education (Birth – 5 years)						
Early Intervention	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Inclusive (with non-disabled peers) preschool	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						
Education: Special Education (Kindergarten - 12 th Grade)						
Inclusive school age (K-5 th) classrooms with nondisabled children	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Inclusive school age (6 -12 th) classrooms with nondisabled children	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Highly trained teachers and therapists providing needed support	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Transition to adulthood is planned	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						
Education: Post-Secondary						
Individuals have an opportunity to attend college or trade school	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Individuals have the supports needed for enrollment and attendance in college or trade school	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						

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How do you rate the following services in Nebraska?						
Employment						
Transition services from school to employment	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Day services that promote skill development (vocational training, workshops)	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Supportive employment (paid employment at competitive wages) in the community	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						
Health						
Health care services	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Health education supports (e.g., diabetes, nutrition, sex education)	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Mental and/or behavioral health services	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						
Housing						
Access to safe and affordable housing (rental or home ownership)	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						

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How do you rate the following services in Nebraska?						
Quality Assurance						
Learning opportunities about self-determination (the freedom to make your own choices) and self-advocacy	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Policies and supports to encourage civic participation, such as voting or obtaining US citizenship	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Policies and supports that provide adults with choice and control over their lives	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Access to assistive technology to improve functioning and quality of life (e.g., communication device or adaptive equipment).	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						
Transportation						
Independent access (able to access by self) to affordable and reliable transportation	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Access to affordable and reliable transportation with support of family or staff	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Access to public transportation	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						

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How do you rate the following services in Nebraska?						
Recreation						
Opportunities to participate in inclusive and accessible recreational activities	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						
Other						
Accurate, reliable, and easily accessible information	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Eligibility criteria to receive services	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Other – please describe:						
Overall						
Current services and supports provided to individuals with disabilities and their families	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
The extent to which individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are receiving and directly benefiting from the state's current services and supports	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Ease of getting help or services started (e.g. school services, health care, or waiver services)	Very Inadequate	Inadequate	Neutral	Adequate	Very Adequate	Not applicable/ I do not know
Comments:						

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2. Check the **two** service categories that Nebraska should prioritize:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services and Supports | <input type="checkbox"/> Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education: Special Education (Birth – 5 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education: Special Education (Kindergarten - 12 th Grade) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education: Post-Secondary | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Assurance/Self-Advocacy |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

3. Describe any unmet needs or barriers to services that you have not already described.

4. Are there groups of individuals with disabilities who have more problems getting help than other people? If yes, how can these individuals' needs be better met?

5. What are new and emerging issues that are impacting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families? Are there any critical areas or issues that we haven't addressed?

6. What else would you like us to know?

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Demographics

I am a:

- ☐ person with a developmental disability
- ☐ family member of a person with a developmental disability
- ☐ professional service provider for a person with a developmental disability
- ☐ other person concerned with services for people with developmental disabilities

These questions are about the individual with a developmental disability. If you serve an individual with disabilities (i.e., you are a family member or a professional provider) please skip to the next page.

1. I am:

☐ Male ☐ Female

5. I live in _____ county

2. I am _____ years old

☐ birth-5 ☐ 22-40
☐ 6-12 ☐ 41-60
☐ 13-18 ☐ 61+
☐ 19-21

6. I live:

☐ Alone
☐ With family
☐ In an apartment/home with
one or two roommates
☐ Specialized family care home
☐ Group home with fewer than
four people
☐ Group home with four or
more people
☐ Other: _____

3. I am:

☐ American Indian/Alaskan
Native
☐ Asian
☐ Black/African American
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific
Islander
☐ White
☐ Bi- or multi-racial

7. I am on a waiting list for services:

☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how long? _____
What service? _____

4. I am:

☐ Hispanic/Latino/a
☐ Non-Hispanic/Latino/a

8. I receive Medicaid services:

☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Unknown

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For providers and family members only. *If you already answered the questions above about yourself, please skip to the next page.*

1. I serve individuals who are: (check all that apply)

☐ Male ☐ Female

2. I serve individuals who are: (check all that apply)

☐ birth-5 ☐ 22-40
☐ 6-12 ☐ 41-60
☐ 13-18 ☐ 61+
☐ 19-21

3. I serve individuals who are: (check all that apply)

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
☐ Asian ☐ White
☐ Black/African American ☐ Bi- or multi-racial

4. I serve individuals who are: (check all that apply)

☐ Hispanic/Latino/a
☐ Non-Hispanic/Latino/a

5. I provide services in: (select one)

☐ _____ county
☐ Multiple counties
☐ Statewide

My primary office/location is in _____ county

6. I serve individuals who live: (check all that apply)

☐ Alone
☐ With family
☐ In an apartment/home with one or two roommates
☐ Specialized family care home
☐ Group home with fewer than four people
☐ Group home with four or more people
☐ Other: _____

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VOLUNTARY INTERVIEW

To help better inform the Council, we will also be conducting short, 20 minute interviews with a few individuals to discuss the issues raised in this survey. These discussions will provide an opportunity for you to share your perspective and ideas with the Council. Please provide your name, email, and/or phone number if you are interested in participating. This is optional; if you do not wish to participate in the interviews, please skip to the next page.

Please note: Providing this information is voluntary and *will not be linked with your responses to the survey*. All survey and interview results will be reported in aggregate and all information shared will remain anonymous.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

The best way to get a hold of me is:

_____ Email

_____ Text

_____ Phone

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Thank you!

Those are all of the questions we have for you today. Thank you for taking the time to provide valuable insight to the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities. If you have any questions or concerns about your participation in this survey, please contact the Interdisciplinary Center for Program Evaluation at UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute:



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